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SUBJ: SUDAN AIRWAYS INTEREST IN USED 707S

REF: DAMASCUS 0379

1. PER DISCUSSIONS ON 21 JAN BETWEEN SUDAN AIRWAYS CHAIRMAN AND VISITING EXIM BANK DELEGATION ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSY OFFICERS, SUDAN AIRWAYS HAS DEFINITE INTEREST IN OBTAINING FINANCING FOR TWO USED 707S, ONE FREIGHT, ONE PASSENGER. TOTAL FINANCING PACKAGE ESTIMATED BETWEEN 12-14 MILLION DOLLARS INCLUDING SPARE PARTS. SUDAN AIRWAYS BELIEVES THEY WILL BE ABLE GENERATE SUFFICIENT FUNDS FROM INCREASED INTERNATIONAL CAPACITY TO SERVICE NEW LOAN DEBT THROUGH THEIR LONDON FOREIGN EXCHANGE ACCOUNT.

2. IF FINANCING OBTAINED, SUDAN AIRWAYS HOPES HAVE ADDITIONAL 707 PASSENGER PLANE IN FLEET BY APRIL OR MAY 1978. PLANS UNCLASSIFIED

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CALL FOR NEW ROUTES TO SERVICE TRIPOLI, CASABLANCA, DAMASCUS, POSSIBLY KUWAIT, AND ONE ADDITIONAL RUN TO KANO (FOR TOTAL OF TWO).

3. SUDAN AIRWAYS ALSO SEEKING FINANCING FOR 4 NEW FOKKER F-27 FOR EXPANSION OF DOMESTIC SERVICE. FYI: EXISTING SUDAN AIRWAYS FLEET CONSISTS OF 2-707S, 2-737S,

4-F27S.

4. ALSO, THERE IS REQUIREMENT FOR ONE ADDITIONAL USED 707 FOR
PRESIDENTIAL/CABINET USE WHICH DOES NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVE SUDAN
AIRWAYS AND IS BEING HANDLED THROUGH PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.
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